

717th Military Intelligence Battalion History

The legacy of the Alamo Station began in 1942 as Monitor Station One in Vint Hill Farms, Warrenton, Virginia. In 1973 the unit was relocated to Kelly Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. This move changed the designation to the United States Army Security Agency Field Station, San Antonio. Looking to further identify with San Antonio, the Daughters of the Republic of Texas granted permission to designate the Field Station as Alamo Station in July of 1974.

Alamo Station operated as part of the Consolidated Security Operations Center (CSOC), a United States Army and Air Force jointly manned facility. Re-designation occurred again in May of 1980, to the United States Army Field Station, San Antonio.

United States Army Field Station, San Antonio became the 748th Military Intelligence Battalion on 1 January 1988. On 19 August 1993, the designation of the multi-service CSOC was changed to the Medina Regional Security Operations Center (MRSOC). On 16 June 2000, the 314th MI Bn was activated in San Antonio, TX. The 314th MI Bn was resubordinated to the newly formed 470th MI Group in August 2003. On 11 January 2005, the MRSOC was re-designated as the National Security Agency/Central Security Service, Texas. On 8 October 2009, the battalion was again redesignated to the 717th MI Battalion.

The Alamo Station was the recipient of the Travis Trophy in 1975, which is presented to the most outstanding Service Cryptologic Unit for that year. The Alamo Station additionally received the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for the period of 1 July 1975 to 30 June 1977 and for the Fiscal Years 1995 and 1998.

The 717th Military Intelligence Battalion continues this legacy, operating as an integral part of NSA/CSS Texas, providing highly trained Soldiers and civilians conducting intelligence missions, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.